



# BOISE STATE INTERNATIONAL INSIDER

Making Connections | *Building Global Community*

September 9, 2013

## Coming Events & Activities

Every Wednesday, 3:30 to 5:00pm - Coffee & Conversation in the Student Diversity Center

September 9<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup> - **International Student Check-In** (see details below)

September 11, 5:30pm – International Student Dinner (see details p.2)

September 11, 5:00 to 6:00pm – On-Campus Employment Workshop (see details p.4)

September 16<sup>th</sup> - OPT workshops for students graduating in December 2013 (see details p.6) **Be sure to register for a workshop.**



## IMMIGRATION UPDATES

this week you will see a link for International Check-in on your My.BoiseState site. Please do **NOT** click on this link until you come to ISS for check-in this week. You will not be able to complete check-in until you are here at ISS because you won't have the authorization code. Please be sure to bring your Student ID card with you.

## Immigration Check-in Starts September 9<sup>th</sup>

Check-in for ***all*** continuing international students will be held

**Monday, Sep. 9<sup>th</sup> thru' Friday, Sep. 13<sup>th</sup>** This check-in is **required** by U.S. Immigration to maintain your legal status as an F-1 or J-1 visa holder. Check-in takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. You must come to the Student Diversity Center (SDC) in the Student Union Building (SUB) between 9:30am and 4:00pm any day that week (September 9<sup>th</sup> thru' 13<sup>th</sup>) to fulfill this requirement.

**Any student who does not attend the check-in session will be fined \$50.00.**

**NOTE:** *If you are a new international student and attended the orientation August 21<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>th</sup>, you are checked-in with immigration. You do not need to participate in the check-in session this semester. You will need to attend check-in next semester.*

# International Student Dinner

*The second Wednesday of each month*

This Wednesday, come meet new friends and have fun at our monthly dinner for international students. It's a great chance to enjoy meeting new people, playing games (including ping-pong and pool), and practicing English conversation over delicious food!

**When:** 5:30pm on Wednesday the 11th. Meet at the Student Diversity Center at 5:10pm (*after Coffee and Conversation*) to walk over with us!

**Where:** 1025 Belmont St., at the intersection of Belmont and Denver, a block south of the stadium and next to the Key Bank on Broadway.

**Cost:** Free! We love internationals, and want to help them connect with international and American friends. Feel free to bring friends!

Thanks!

Steve Dunne

PS. Feel free to email me with any questions at [steve@isiboise.org](mailto:steve@isiboise.org). I'm happy to help you!



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We'll have make-your-own chicken or beef burritos for dinner!

## Don't be confused:

This is a different activity from International Friendship Fridays.

If you're on that list, you'll get the email for it on Monday.

If you *want* to get Friday's invitations, click the link to "update subscription preferences" below and check that box.

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You're getting this email because you asked to hear about our activities for Boise's international students!

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## ISS Staff Spotlight!

My name is Cindy Fernandez. I am an international student from Venezuela. I am currently double majoring in French and Spanish and I will be graduating this December! I have been working at International Student Services for almost two years as Front Desk Support. Some of my favorite things about working at ISS are the staff, experiencing new cultures through our awesome international student population, and International Student Orientation. I really enjoy helping students and getting to know more about them and their culture. In the future, I would like to become an International Student Advisor. Also, I am a huge soccer fan! I like to read, write, learn new languages and spend time with my friends.

**Help start new student club: BroncoSkies,** skydiving among Boise State Students, the most exciting sport in the world. The sport of the adrenaline rush, pushing yourself above the limits, crossing all borders and fears. You will exit the plane and reach the speed of 120MPH while you travel 1000 feet every five seconds. After you deploy your parachute you will enjoy the cool breeze and the awesome view of the horizon, Idaho streets and farm and lakes.

BroncoSkies will help you:

Feel the skydiving experience safely with another experienced skydiver who will take you from the plane to the ground safely (Tandem) with the cheapest prices in Idaho.

- Meet other skydivers.
- Improve your skydiving abilities.
- Group discounts.
- International Students

To participate or become a member of BroncoSkies feel free to contact:

[Bskies@hotmail.com](mailto:Bskies@hotmail.com) / [9803339542](tel:9803339542) / [Instagram@brconcokies](https://www.instagram.com/brconcokies)

To help get our club going, we are looking for volunteers who are interested in skydiving.

- Club Advisor. (( BSU Faculty staff ))
- Video maker.
- Photographer.
- Club Members.







***Need Help  
Finding a Job  
on Campus?  
Come to the On-  
Campus Job  
Search  
Workshop!***

Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
(Right after Coffee and Conversation)  
5:00-6:00 pm  
Fisher Room in the SUB

**TOPICS INCLUDING:**

- **Where to find on-campus job postings**
- How to write an effective resume & cover letter
- Interview skills



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**A LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!  
DON'T MISS OUT!**

**The International Student Association (ISA) is a student organization at Boise State that serves to:**

- Orient international students to life and culture in the U.S., Idaho, and Boise
- Provide opportunities for the building of friendships with American and international students
- Plan fun student trips in Boise and the surrounding area (past trips included: ice skating, swimming in local hot springs, snow tubing, floating the Boise river, rafting local rivers, and trips to nearby cities such as McCall and Sun Valley)
- Organize and sponsor extra-curricular activities and events such as the annual International Food Song & Dance Festival (ISA's signature event)

**This is great experience for you,  
and it looks good on your resume!**



**Student leader  
Positions available:**

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Festival Coordinator

To learn more about how to apply for the leadership positions or how to become a member, please email ISA at [isa@boisestate.edu](mailto:isa@boisestate.edu).



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## **Are you graduating this semester? Apply for OPT now.**

**Will you  
opt-in?**



Sign up now for an OPT workshop. All workshops take place at ISS

Workshop dates - you only need to attend one:

Monday, Sept 16, 5:30-7 pm

Thursday, Sept 19, 9-10:30 am

Thursday, Sept 26, 4:30-6 pm

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is 12 months of full or part-time employment for practical training directly related to the student's field of study, typically performed after graduation. OPT can be done anywhere in the US.

### **To be eligible for OPT:**

- Student must be in F-1 status
- Student must apply for OPT prior to graduation through ISS. (Currently it is taking 3 months to get CIS approval)
- It is not necessary to have chosen a place of employment prior to applying for OPT

### **To apply for OPT:**

- Attend an OPT workshop at ISS. To sign up please go to this link: <https://secureforms.boisestate.edu/iss/opt-registration-form/>
- Please arrive on time and bring:
  - Your I-20, visa, passport, I-94 card and 2 passport-size photo
  - A check or money order made out to CIS for \$380 to the workshop

To obtain your I-94 card please go to the following website: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/request.html>

The Boise State International Insider is a weekly feature of International Student Services, in the Student Diversity Center.

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